

**Mansfield Board of Education Special Meeting**

**July 23, 2014**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Randy Walikonis, Vice Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Susannah Everett, John Fratiello, Sarah Lacombe, Katherine Paulhus, Jay Rueckl, Carrie Silver-Bernstein,

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mr. Walikonis.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Motion by Mr. Fratiello, seconded by Mrs. Lacombe to appoint Randy Walikonis Chair of the Mansfield Board of Education. Vote: Unanimous in favor.  
Mr. Walikonis appointed Jay Rueckl Vice Chair.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

Mr. Walikonis will service as Chair of the Finance Committee with Mr. Rueckl as Vice Chair.

MOTION by Mr. Fratiello, seconded by Mrs. Lacombe, to move into Executive Session on performance issues regarding the Superintendent of Schools at 5:34pm VOTE: Unanimous in favor  
Mr. Kevin Roy, Board Attorney, joined the Board in Executive Session

Mrs. Paulhus left at 6:20pm.

Mrs. Paulhus returned at 6:21pm.

The Board returned to open session at 7:05pm.

Motion by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Kelly that the Mansfield Board of Education designates and authorizes its chairperson, Randall Walikonis, to serve as its spokesperson and to coordinate further investigation into the conduct of the Superintendent of Schools in order to safeguard the interests of the District. Such authority shall include, but not be limited to, designating appropriate investigators, including a forensic auditor or auditors, as well as to place the Superintendent on paid administrative leave or other appropriate leave in order to maintain the integrity of the investigation which is on the best interest of both the District and the Superintendent. Additionally, such authority shall include the ability to make decisions regarding appropriate actions with respect to these matters, and to consult with legal counsel regarding same.

MOTION by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Everett to adjourn at 7:05pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Kelly  
Secretary